



# SEVERE ACUTE RESPIRATORY SYNDROME

Public Health Guidance for Community-Level Preparedness and Response to Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) Version 2

## Supplement E: Managing International Travel-Related Transmission Risk

### IV. Activities Directed to Outbound Travelers

Activities related to outbound travelers will vary based on the extent of SARS-CoV transmission in the United States and at the destination (Appendix E1). If there is little SARS-CoV transmission in the United States, the goal is to inform travelers about the risk of SARS and appropriate measures to reduce the risk of acquiring SARS-CoV infection during travel ([http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/travel\\_advice.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/travel_advice.htm)). If there is extensive SARS-CoV transmission in the United States, then preventing the exportation of SARS-CoV will be an added objective.

**Objective:** Minimize outbound travelers' risk for exposure to SARS-CoV during travel or the risk of spreading SARS-CoV to other localities.

#### Basic Activities

- Issue travel alerts and advisories (see Box).
- Provide educational materials to travelers on measures to reduce the risk of SARS-CoV disease.

#### Enhanced Activities

- If there are locations with extensive SARS-CoV transmission where control measures do not appear to be effective, further travel restrictions (e.g., cancellation of flights) to those locations may be considered (see Section VII: Roles and Responsibilities, below).
- If the level of SARS-CoV transmission in the United States presents an increased risk for exportation, then some or all of the following might be implemented:
  - Pre-departure screening (e.g., temperature screening, visual screening) of outbound travelers
  - Health certifications, i.e., requiring travelers to have a medical examination before departure, with a doctor's statement that they are free of SARS-CoV symptoms and have not had close contact to a SARS-CoV patient in the past 10 days
  - Stop lists, i.e., maintaining lists of SARS cases and close contacts at ports of departure against which travelers' names can be checked to prevent them from traveling

For more information, visit [www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars) or call the CDC public response hotline at (888) 246-2675 (English), (888) 246-2857 (Español), or (866) 874-2646 (TTY)